



G-5's "Eye on AMC" U.S. Army Materiel Command

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"[Brig. Gen. James] Pillsbury is an Army leader and brings to this command a wealth of experience."

Gen. Paul J. Kern, commanding general, during the change of command ceremony at AMC's Aviation and Missile Command Dec. 1. Pillsbury replaces Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen who will get his third star and become the new commander of the Army's Space and Missile Defense Command. Pillsbury last served as deputy chief of staff for logistics for Army Europe and Seventh Army in Germany.

Italians place yellow ribbons on M1 tanks

Yellow ribbons signifying hope for a safe return have been popping up all over America for years. But when M1 Abrams tanks sporting yellow ribbons on their gun barrels returned from an Italian painting contractor, heads turned.

Workers at Armanino Import-Export in Livorno, Italy have been making their feelings known by adding yellow ribbons and prayer cards to the freshly painted tanks they are returning to the Army Materiel Command's Combat Equipment Battalion - Livorno.

When CEB-LI Commander Lt. Col. Sandy W. Pogue inspected the tanks, he was impressed by more than the top-quality paint job. "I was amazed to see such solidarity, especially in these contentious times. Yellow ribbons have a deep meaning to American soldiers and their families, so I was moved to respond to the gesture," he said.

On Nov. 19, Pogue paid a visit to the shop in the small Italian town of Carrara, and presented coins and awarded certificates to the owners of the plant.

"It's a great honor for us to receive this recognition today," said Umberto Armanino, one of the owners.

AMC's LOGCAP Support Unit to tell its story

Several Soldiers from the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program Support Unit, an all-Reserve unit attached to AMC, will talk about their experiences to reporters from the Pentagon Press Corps Dec. 11 at 2 p.m.

The Soldiers, all returning from deployments in Kuwait, Iraq and other areas in Southwest Asia, worked as the military interface between combatant commanders and the civilian LOGCAP contractors who set up base camps, dining facilities, laundries, and other such services to improve the quality of life for coalition forces.

Team supports Army's Recap mission at Tobyhanna

A joint effort between Tobyhanna Army Depot and the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command over the last six months has resulted in the successful completion of all technical manuals required to support the U.S. Army's Recapitalization Van and Shelter Program, and met the accelerated fielding date for the Stryker Brigade Combat Teams 1 and 2, completed at Fort Lewis, Wash., in September and December 2003.

Soldiers use the shelters and vans as shops to repair communications-electronics equipment used by active Army and National Guard units, and to store tools and components needed for those repairs. The systems are brought to a like new condition, called 'near zero miles, zero hours,' with newer technology included. The program includes rebuilding and adding state-of-the-art technology to enhance the Army's maintenance capability in the field.

The CECOM Logistics Readiness Center's Generator Branch Recap team spent six weeks here over the summer working with depot technical publications and engineering personnel to help write, validate and verify the technical manuals.

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E-mail to employees

"I would like to congratulate all of you [at Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant, Texarkana, Texas] for your outstanding safety accomplishment. The milestone that you have reached today of 1,000 days without a lost time injury is clear evidence of your professionalism and attention to detail. It is obvious that this performance is not the result of luck but of much hard work and job dedication. This is a monumental achievement that each of you can be proud of."

--- Lt. Col. Joseph A. Tirone, commander